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Title: Requests the railway authorities to take up undeveloped narrow gauge line from Shantipur to Nabadwip under the Sealdah Division of the Eastern Railway.

DR. ASIM BALA : Under the Sealdah Division of the Eastern Railway, there is a narrow gauge line from Shantipur to Nabadwip. The distance is only 28 kms, but this narrow gauge line remains undeveloped since the British period. In 1993, a Survey was conducted and the estimated cost was Rs. 35 crore.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please come to the point. There are so many people and we will have to adjust them. Dr. Asim Bala, do not make a speech because we have to accommodate other Members also.

DR. ASIM BALA : It is a very important line. Thousands of tourists who visit this place daily are facing several hardships. It is a historical place because it is the birth place of Gauranga Mahaprabhu. That is why, this is a very important railway line and I urge upon the railway authorities to take up this project immediately.